

NO CONFESSION CAN SAVE BECKER'S LIFE

Evidence Would Bear Only on Crimes Lesser Than His Own, It Is Said.

FAMILY CONFERS TO-DAY

No confession that Charles Becker can make will save him from the electric chair. It was learned yesterday from a source close to both Gov. Whitman and District Attorney Perkins that Becker could not help himself, because a commutation of sentence for him would simply amount to letting off a man convicted of murder in return for evidence that would punish other persons for crimes of much less importance.

An incident significant of the policy that probably will be pursued by the authorities is found in the case of William Plack, sentenced to death for murder. Plack was brought to this city recently to testify against Angelo Leggio, accused of murder, and was largely responsible for the latter's conviction. Despite that fact, however, no recommendation for commutation of Plack's sentence has been made or is likely to be made.

It was pointed out by way of illustration that Becker might furnish evidence of grafting against police officials or former police officials. Supporting him did and supported his assertions with proof, the most those persons could be punished would be a year or so in jail. Officials pointed out that it would not be serving the ends of justice to save Becker from the electric chair just to send one man or more to prison for a short term.

Just what will be the attitude of the Becker family in regard to Becker will be made known to-day. There will be a family conference to decide whether any more can be done to save him from the chair for the murder of Rostkowski. At the meeting will be Mrs. Becker, John L. Becker, brother, Police Lieutenant John Becker and Jackson Becker, both brothers of the condemned man, and Martin M. Mantol, Becker's attorney. They will go over the situation thoroughly and they are expected to settle on the point as to whether any further legal fight can be made in behalf of Becker.

Becker was reported to be in a little better mood yesterday in his cell at Sing Sing. He had a short talk with Father Cashin, the Sing Sing chaplain, but no mention was made of resigning. He played pool in the morning. In the afternoon he received a visit from Mrs. Becker.

PATERSON BOYS DEFY BILLY.
Will Have Dance Despite Opposition of Girls Sunday Converted.

decision of the high school students of Paterson to hold their junior "prom" next Friday, as announced to-day, is interpreted by critics of Billy Sunday's evangelical campaign to indicate that things in Paterson are gradually assuming their normal aspect. John Lee, chairman of the promenade committee, said to-day that his committee had decided that the withdrawal of the Girls' High School Club from the party on account of the dancing would not affect the plans previously made.

The Girls High School Club was organized by students during Sunday's visit here, many of the members having "hit the trail." The girls put the ban on dancing and last Friday withdrew their patronage from the big party of the school year. The committee has sounded the sentiment of the student and now says that the party will go on.

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